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THE BIGGEST LOSERS

It is now obvious that no matter what kind of settlement is finally reached in the steel industry, the biggest losers will be the steelworkers themselves. For this they have no one to thank but their own labor leaders. Even assuming the labor bosses should eventually get everything they demand from the steel companies, it will be years before the workers can make up the wages they have lost by going out on strike. And long before that time comes, their labor-union bosses will

probably call them out on strike again.

It is, of course, a terrible thing to contemplate the power of a single labor-union boss. In the steel industry, for instance, the head of the Steelworkers Union was able to throw out of work for many months not only the half a million members of his own union, but hundreds of thousands of workers in industries dependent on steel production. And this happened in an industry where the individual worker has one of the highest

rates of pay in the country.

But there is a lesson which union workers still must learn. It is that complete power corrupts. This is true whether total power is put into the hands of a politician, a business executive, or a labor-union boss. I do not necessarily mean money corruption. But when any single individual is allowed to become too powerful, he has only one aim - to retain his power. No matter how great his concern may once have been for the welfare of the people he represents, he is now ready to throw them to the wolves if it means he can hold onto his power.

This is what has happened in the case of many present-day labor leaders. They are

no longer concerned about the welfare of their members. The labor boss, of course, must make the workers *think* he is acting in their behalf. In order to retain his power, he must constantly appear to be gaining new advantages for his members. But the worker ought to sit down once in a while and figure out how fraudulent these so-called "gains" are. He should understand that while he has rights as against the employer, he also has rights as against his union boss. Once he and his fellow union members realize this, they will also realize that their freedom and well-being lies in curbing the power they unwittingly gave to their own labor union bosses.

DO-GOODERS CAN BREAK US

Ever since Boss Khrushchev pulled his big propaganda stunt and demanded that the world give up its armaments - on Russia's terms of course - we've been hearing some pretty silly proposals. The trouble is, they are not as silly as they sound - because, as usual, they involve your hard-earned dollars. Unfortunately President Eisenhower, who is supposed to be a Republican,

seems to be competing with the big spenders and world-remodelers in the Democratic Party.

Of course, it is hardly likely that there will be any real disarmament agreement in the near future - unless we have gone completely crazy. But in order to understand how our leaders' minds work, let's suppose for a moment - ridiculous as it may seem -

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that Khrushchev can be brought to an iron-clad agreement to cut armaments. Then the United States government, presumably, would also stop spending so many billions of dollars each year on the materials of war. The federal government each year takes from your pay envelopes somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 billion dollars just for so-called "defense" spending. Of course nobody is sure how much of this fantastic sum really goes for defense, and how much is wasted, or squandered around the world. But suppose this sum could be cut in half. Would the taxpayer get a break? If he did, it would mean, on the average, a saving for each American family of

about \$450 a year. In other words, if defense spending could be cut in half, each American family, on the average, could pay \$450 less in taxes each year.

But don't get your hopes up. The President has other ideas on how to spend your tax dollars. Mr. Eisenhower was celebrating his birthday recently, and he took the occasion to make another one of those do-gooder speeches of his — you know, doing good all over the world with your money. His idea is that if it is ever possible to reduce armaments, the money saved on arms spending should be used — for what? To give some relief to the overburdened and inflation-ridden American taxpayer? Oh, no — that would not do at all. There are too many people in the far corners of the earth who are much more important than the poor old sappy American taxpayer.

The President's proposal is that any money saved on arms spending be scattered around to so-called "backward" nations all over the globe. Somebody ought to tell the President that if we don't quit squandering our substance all over the world, we'll wind up as a backward nation ourselves.

There was another very strange statement in this same speech by President Eisenhower. He said: "Clearly one objective of American foreign policy is and must be to help build a world economy in which each nation finds it possible to earn its own keep, pay its own way, and do so in a manner which brings meaning and fulfillment to the lives of its citizens." That may be a beautiful sentiment, but it is *not* the objective of American foreign policy. The ob-

jective of American foreign policy is the protection of the security of the United States of America - not to bring "meaning and fulfillment" to the citizens of Borneo, or Communist Yugoslavia, or Socialist India, while the citizens of America are milked dry of their substance. The President should read the Constitution. There is not a line in that document which gives him the right to use your money to "build a world economy."

RUNNING THE WORLD

While we're on this subject of the world-remodelers, it is amusing to watch the efforts to rebuild the reputation of the biggest world-remodeler of all - Franklin D. Roosevelt. His widow, who once gave the run of the White House to a bunch of pro-commies, is now giving a college course in world law! No wonder some of our college students are so misinformed. What can we expect when they are lectured to on world law by a lady who wants us to recognize Red China, and whose husband delivered half of Europe and two-thirds of Asia into the hands of Communist Russia? I have always been

intrigued by the sheer brass of little men who think they know how to run the world, when they can't even run their own families. FDR's eldest son is busy writing homey little stories - for good pay - about his father. The Roosevelts have never been famous for their reticence, and the son talks frankly about the wildness, numerous divorces and marriages among FDR's children. He says they had a hard time growing up - that they came to maturity late and the hard way - because FDR was a poor disciplinarian. But this man who didn't do very well at running his own family,

thought he knew how to run the world.

Even today, little men in the United Nations are still trying to run the world. President Eisenhower recently appointed a midwestern college president as a delegate to the United Nations - to help it run the world. But he

no sooner got to New York, where he was to help settle major international disputes, than he had to rush back home to see if he couldn't settle a fight between the football coach and the athletic director in his own college!

- John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 10/25/59

Book Review OUR STRONGEST ALLY

GERMANY AND THE EAST-WEST CRISIS by William S. Schlamm, 237 pages, McKay, N.Y., \$3.95.

Crises in the Far East, guerilla warfare in Laos, turmoil in the Middle East - all of these disturbances do not becloud the major goal of Soviet Russia in the Cold War. It is the domination or complete neutralization of Germany - the domination of her prospering economy, of her 40 million people and the destruction of her will to resist internal subversion and external aggression.

In this book we find an absorbing and critical evaluation of all the factors involved in this central

question of Germany and her future. The resurgence of the new and powerful Germany is described in vivid terms. The dominant role which "free-enterprise capitalism" played in the miraculous recovery is brilliantly covered. It should serve as a true-to-life lesson to all those who are decrying free-enterprise capitalism as something outmoded - something which should be confined to the scrapheap.

But not only the political and economic aspects of the new German republic are taken into consideration. Much can be learned from Mr. Schlamm's book about the cultural life in the new Germany, the in-

fluence of American and Western thought (not always to the good), about the young people of the country, and the juvenile delinquency problem. The beliefs of the newly prosperous man-in-the-street are scrutinized; his attitudes toward rearmament, the West and communism are explored. Much that is revealed will come as a surprise to the average American reader who has been spoonfed on the limited, superficial information which is available through regular news media.

Mr. Schlamm establishes beyond question that Germany is our strongest ally on the European scene. But he also hoists some warning flags. Just as in other Western nations, there is a trend in Germany toward "coexistence" and an "understanding" with the Soviet Union which has taken hold of many members of the intellectual, opinion-molding element of the nation. This is further complicated by the fact that as of now, Germany could be reunited only on Russia's terms - and with disastrous results for the West. Little doubt remains that strong desire, although it is not too outspoken now, for a reunited Fatherland may therefore ultimately play in-

to the hands of the communists unless the United States can offer an alternative which is attractive to the Germans and will permanently tie them to the Western camp. Mr. Schlamm has some definite proposals in this direction which would put the United States on the offensive in the struggle for Germany. These proposals would result in stronger ties between the two nations. They also would give the Germans an alternative to the sterile concept of neutralism in the overwhelming shadow of the Red giant in the East.

The scope and thoroughness of this book are testimony to the amount of research and just plain honest-to-goodness thinking which the author put into it. His journalistic background finds expression in a stimulating style. The book has sold more than a quarter of a million copies in West Germany and has started a lively public controversy there. It can only be hoped that GERMANY AND THE EAST-WEST CRISIS will receive the same attention in America and other Western countries. The survival of Western civilization as we know it may well depend on a solution of the German problem in our favor.

- John C. Wetzel

THE "LIBERAL" LYNCHING SPIRIT

"The 'liberal' mentality is...I am beginning to suspect, the ideological camouflage of the will to power of this new ruling class. I can't find any other explanation of these fits of hysteria, these fixations which time will prove to have been irrational...The communists are excellent propagandists who have developed an uncanny skill in putting their words in other people's mouths, but they are not that good. Only some such phenomenon as the solidarity and esprit de corps of a class recently risen to power can account for the lynching spirit aroused against those who have sought to dislodge any fraternity member, whether bureaucrat or college professor, columnist or commentator, from an entrenched position of power. This disparity between the provocation and the reaction is...what stands out more and more as the characteristic trait of the 'liberal'. Here is perhaps a key to the subconscious springs of 'liberal' behavior."

- John Dos Passos in his foreword to
William F. Buckley Jr.'s *UP FROM LIBERALISM*

TOTAL EVIL

"Communism is total evil. It is all black. There is nothing gray about it. There is nothing good about it. Its ends and its means to those ends are evil." - Senator Thomas Dodd

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